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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Revise the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 to read:

For example, there arose a problem that incidence of cracks or chips in a ceramic honeycomb structure in all of the aforementioned production processes drastically increases up to 20-~~odd~~ 20 or more % when a ceramic honeycomb structure having a thickness of cell walls of 0.06 mm and 140 throughholes / cm², which cell wall has a thickness of about 1/2 - 1/6 of that of a conventional one, is employed; while incidence of cracks or chips in a ceramic honeycomb structure in all of the aforementioned production processes is 1% or less when a conventional representative ceramic honeycomb structure having a thickness of cell walls of 0.17 mm and 62 throughholes / cm² is employed.

Page 5, revise the paragraph beginning at line 10 as follows:

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Particularly, there is provided a canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the ceramic honeycomb structure has cell walls thinner than 0.10 mm; and more preferably a canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the ceramic honeycomb structure has cell walls thinner than 0.08 mm.